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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Sirs:

This is in response to the Office communication mailed December 18, 2009, wherein the Examiner identified discrepancies in applicant's response to a Restriction Requirement mailed June 26, 2009.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the new listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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